



## TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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Office of Purchasing

### SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARY FOR FY2014 ANNUAL HUB REPORT FOR AGENCY 761

Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) remains committed to providing procurement and contracting opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses. The University continues fostering an environment that enhances Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) participation and supports the State of Texas HUB Program.

Fiscal Year 2014 outreach efforts for TAMIU include:

December 10, 2013	TAMU HUB Coordinators Meeting, San Antonio, TX
December 11, 2013	Bexar County Contracting Conference, San Antonio, TX
May 12-13, 2014	Senator Royce West Spot Bid Fair, Irving, TX
June 3-4, 2014	TAMU System HUB Coordinators Meeting, Stephenville, TX
June 4, 2014	TAMU Vendor Fair, Granbury, TX

TAMIU continues to maintain a proactive program to support and promote HUB awareness through contact with University department staff. The Procurement Card Training continues to focus in large part on instructing cardholders on what a HUB is, the importance of allowing HUBs to bid/contract for goods/services and how to effectively search for them on the CMBL. Buyers also continue to communicate with departments on the importance of doing business with HUBs. Our Purchasing website is continuously being updated with new HUB vendor information to make it easier for departments to find a HUB they can use for common purchases. The Purchasing Department has also taken a more active role in reaching out to new HUB vendors in order to expand our vendor base.

We continually explore ways to increase our level of HUB utilization through peer networking. In addition, we continue to work closely with other State agencies to identify new HUB vendors, and actively participate in economic forums to increase our opportunities with minority and women-owned businesses. We will continue to work on identifying non-certified HUB vendors currently used by TAMIU to then encourage and aid them in the process of becoming certified HUBs. We believe our good faith efforts have been successful in building our HUB volume. TAMIU has proudly taken an active ownership in the program. We will continue to work diligently to encourage and promote the opportunities the program makes possible.

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